

By the Quene

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He Quenes Maiestie certaynely vnderstandyng, that the frenche kyng hath the sixt of this present moneth caused to be published in fraunce by sounde of Trompet in this sorte, that all maner his Subiectes of what estate soeuer they be, shoulde arme and equippe all maner of vessels at theyr pleasure, and with them to inuade, take, offende, and endamage all Englyshe men, and other her Maiesties Subiectes, eyther by Sea or Lande, in theyr persons, goodes, or vessels, by takyng them prysoners, and puttyng them to raunsome, and that to continue so long as the said Englyshe men should holde and occuppe the Towne of Newehauen: declaring further therewith, that from that tyme, all actes and exploictes which shoulde be done by his Subiectes, and all pryees, shoulde be good and auayleable, as thynges taken from thennemies. Wherupon whiche proceadynges well considered, her Maiestie vpon good deliberation of counsell, hath thought it by this example, and the iniust prouocation of the sayde kyng, necessary, not only to warne her Subiectes therof, resydyng in all her portes: but also to licence them, & all others her Subiectes, that for theyr defence and sauegarde, they may do theyr vttermoste by Sea and Lande, agaynst any of the sayde french kynges Subiectes, and so continue vntyll her Maiestie shall haue ryght and reason done to her, for the assuraunce of her Towne of Callayce, and all other her territories on that syde the Seas, which is and hath ben denyed vnto her, and for which purpose only, her Maiestie hath hyther to synce the ende of the troubles in fraunce, helde the sayde Towne of Newehauen, as in good reason she hath iust cause to do. And where before this tyme, her Maiestie gaue comaundement, that none of her Subiectes shoulde spoyle or robbe any french man by sea or lande, which shoulde seke to offende them, but shoulde only save and preserue them and theyr goodes in safetie: Nowe her Maiestie is iustly occasioned, and so doth licence all her Subiectes, to take them and theyr vessels, and ordeyneth by these presentes, that the pryees taken (euen as the french kyng hath ordered) shalbe iudged for good and bailpable, as thynges taken from enemies.

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